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HOUSE MEMORIAL 23

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 5, 2009 "RUIDOSO DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, Ruidoso is a beautiful mountain community nestled in a valley of the Lincoln national forest, high in the southern Rocky Mountains; and

WHEREAS, outdoor activities abound in Ruidoso and in the surrounding area, including fishing at nearby Grindstone, Bonito and Mescalero lakes, hiking, bicycling, horseback riding and more; and

WHEREAS, the village of Ruidoso is situated with a clear view of, and in near proximity to, Sierra Blanca mountain, with the popular Ski Apache resort for winter fun; and

WHEREAS, the Ruidoso area claims two of New Mexico's finest casinos: Casino Apache at the beautiful Inn of the

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1 Mountain Gods and the Billy the Kid casino located at the
2 Ruidoso Downs, which also offers horseracing; and

3 WHEREAS, golfing experiences in Ruidoso are unsurpassed,
4 with year-round opportunities at several top-rated courses; and

5 WHEREAS, Ruidoso offers fine shopping, dining, lodging and
6 camping for vacationing visitors; and

7 WHEREAS, there is a vital and active art community in
8 Ruidoso with many art galleries and artists' studios; and

9 WHEREAS, while the permanent population of Ruidoso is
10 close to eight thousand residents, the population is known to
11 swell to twenty-five thousand during the tourist season and,
12 during special event weekends, may reach forty thousand; and

13 WHEREAS, Ruidoso is a growing community having an active
14 real estate market with an estimated value of more than one
15 hundred twenty-four million dollars (\$124,000,000); and

16 WHEREAS, the business community of Ruidoso is thriving and
17 is preparing for its second annual business exposition, to be
18 held in conjunction with eastern New Mexico university; and

19 WHEREAS, Ruidoso deserves to be recognized as a wonderful
20 place to live or vacation in New Mexico;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 5,
23 2009 be declared "Ruidoso Day" at the house of representatives;
24 and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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transmitted to the mayor of the village of Ruidoso.

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